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CSRS Retirement Deposits, Redeposits, and Post-1956 Military Deposits

Deposit for Civilian Service

Deposit service is any period of Federal civilian service during which CSRS retirement deductions are not withheld from your pay (normally, only Social Security taxes were withheld). It includes service performed under temporary, term, indefinite, and WAE appointments. Deposit service is fully creditable in determining your eligibility to retire. However, since you did not contribute to the retirement fund during the service, your annuity will be reduced if you do not make a deposit to cover the service.

The amount of the deposit equals the retirement deductions that would have been withheld from your pay for the period of deposit service, plus interest. The rate of interest charged on deposits depends on the dates of the service. If the deposit service was performed before 10-01-82, interest is charged at the rate of 3% per year. If the deposit service was performed after 09-30-82, interest is charged at the variable market rate.

If you pay the deposit, you will receive full credit for the period(s) of deposit service with no reduction in your annuity.

If you do not pay the deposit, the effect on your annuity depends on when the deposit service was performed:

1. If the deposit service was performed **BEFORE** 10-01-82, the service is:

- Fully creditable for retirement eligibility and annuity computation purposes;
- Your annuity will be reduced by 10% of the amount of the deposit owed at retirement. For example, if your unpaid deposit at retirement totals \$3,000, your annuity will be permanently reduced by \$300 (10% x \$3,000) per year.

2. If the deposit service was performed **AFTER** 09-30-82, the service is:

- Fully creditable for retirement eligibility;
- The service is not creditable for annuity computation purposes. For example, if you had 28 years of service covered by CSRS deductions, and 2 years of unpaid deposit service after 09-30-82, you would have 30 years of service for eligibility to retire, but only 28 years would be used to compute your annuity.

If you want to find out what you owe for a period(s) of deposit service, you must obtain SF 2803, *Application to Make Deposit or Redeposit*, from the Army Benefits Center (ABC) at 1-877-276-9287, TDD 1-877 ARMY TDD or OPM web site at <http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/sf.htm>. Once you receive the application form, you will need to complete the applicant's portion and mail the form to the ABC-C. The address is: ***Department of the Army, SW-CPOC, ATTN: ABC-C, 301 Marshall Avenue, Ft. Riley, KS 66442-5004***. ABC-C will then certify your SF 2803 and mail the form to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). OPM will send you an acknowledgement letter notifying you of the required deposit/redeposit. Once you receive your letter from OPM, you may pay your deposit/redeposit in installment payments of at least \$50.00 or you may choose to pay the deposit/redeposit in full. You will need to pay your deposit/redeposit directly to OPM. You will continue to be charged interest on the unpaid balance until it is paid in full. It is important to remember that the longer you take to pay the deposit/redeposit, the more interest you will be charged on the amount due. You will need to retain your copy of OPM's receipt showing full or partial payment. Upon final payment, you will need to furnish a copy of OPM's receipt to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) for submission to the CPOC for filing in your OPF.

If post 09-30-82, deposit service is unpaid at retirement, OPM will give you the opportunity to make the payment while they are processing your retirement claim.

Redeposit for Civilian Service

Redeposit service is Federal civilian service during which CSRS retirement deductions were withheld from your pay, but later refunded after you separated from Federal employment. Redeposit service is fully creditable in determining your eligibility to retire. However, since you received a refund of your contributions for the service, your annuity will be reduced if you do not make a redeposit.

The amount of the redeposit equals the amount of the refund(s) you received, plus interest. The rate of interest charged on a redeposit depends on the date the refund was paid. If the refund was paid before 10-01-82, interest is charged at 3% per year. If the refund was paid after 09-30-82, interest is charged at the variable market rate.

If you pay the redeposit, you will receive full credit for the period(s) of refunded service with no reduction in your annuity.

If you do not pay the redeposit, the effect on your annuity depends on when you separated from Federal service and whether or not you are retiring on disability:

1. If the refund was for a period of service which ended **BEFORE** 10-01-90, and your retirement is not based on disability, the redeposit service is:

- Fully creditable for retirement eligibility and annuity computation purposes;
- Your annuity is subject to an actuarial reduction based on the amount of the redeposit due (including interest) and your age at time of retirement. The reduction is permanent.

2. If the refund was based on a separation **AFTER** 09-30-90, or the annuity is based on a disability retirement, the service is:

- Fully creditable for retirement eligibility;
- The service is not creditable for annuity computation purposes. For example, if you have 20 years of service covered by retirement deductions, and 10 years of unpaid redeposit service that ended after 09-30-90, you would have 30 years of service for eligibility to retire, but only 20 years would be used to compute your annuity.

If you want to find out what you owe for a period(s) of redeposit service, you must obtain SF 2803, *Application to Make Deposit or Redeposit*, from the Army Benefits Center (ABC) at 1-877-276-9287, TDD 1-877 ARMY TDD or OPM web site at <http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/sf.htm>. Once you receive the application form, you will need to complete the applicant's portion and mail the form to the ABC-C. The address is: **Department of the Army, SW-CPOC, ATTN: ABC-C, 301 Marshall Avenue, Ft. Riley, KS 66442-5004**. ABC-C will then certify your SF 2803 and mail the form to OPM. OPM will send you an acknowledgement letter notifying you of the required deposit/redeposit. Once you receive your letter from OPM, you may pay your deposit/redeposit in installment payments of at least \$50.00 or you may choose to pay the deposit/redeposit in full. You will need to pay your deposit/redeposit directly to OPM. You will continue to be charged interest on the unpaid balance until it is paid in full. It is important to remember that the longer you take to pay the deposit/redeposit, the more interest you will be charged on the amount due. You will need to retain your copy of OPM's receipt showing full or partial payment. Upon final payment, you will need to furnish a copy of OPM's receipt to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) for submission to the CPOC for filing in your OPF.

If redeposit service is unpaid at retirement, OPM will give you the opportunity to make the payment while they are processing your retirement claim.

Deposit for Post-1956 Military Service

A deposit is not owed for military service performed **BEFORE** 01-01-57. However, beginning in 1957, military service became subject to Social Security taxes and consequently will be creditable for Social Security purposes. Because the military service is now creditable under Social Security, you may have to pay a deposit if you also want to receive credit for the service under CSRS.

The deposit for post-1956 military service equals 7% of the basic pay earned during the period of military service, plus interest. After a 3-year grace period, interest is charged at a variable market rate. The effect of paying or not making a military deposit depends on when you were first employed under CSRS.

Employees First Employed Under CSRS

Before 10-01-1982

If You Are	Choices	Effect on Annuity
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Eligible for Social Security benefits at the time of retirement	Paying deposit for post-1956 military service	All military service is credited for eligibility and computation purposes.
	Not paying deposit for post-1956 military service before retiring	All military service is credited towards eligibility for annuity; only pre-1957 military service credited in computation of annuity.
Ineligible for Social Security benefits at time of retirement, but become eligible after annuity has begun (at age 62)	Paying deposit for post-1956 military service before retiring	All military service is credited for eligibility and computation purposes at the time annuity begins and later.
	Not paying deposit for post-1956 military service before retiring	All military service is credited for eligibility and computation purposes at time annuity begins. At the time you become eligible for Social Security, your annuity will be recomputed to eliminate credit for post-1956 military service.
Never eligible for Social Security benefits or becoming eligible after age 62		All military service is credited for eligibility and computation purposes without payment of deposit.

Employees First Employed Under CSRS

On or After 10-01-1982

Choices	Effect on Annuity
Paying deposit for post-1956 military service before retiring	All military service is credited for eligibility and computation purposes, whether or not you are ever eligible for Social Security.
Not paying deposit for post-1956 military service before retiring	Pre-1957 military service is credited for eligibility and computation purposes. Post-1956 military service is not credited for eligibility or computation purposes, even if you never become eligible for Social Security.

You must complete a [RI 20-97](#), *Estimated Earnings During Military Service*, and mail it to the appropriate military finance center as indicated on the back of form, along with copies of your DD Forms 214. This form can be obtained from the ABC-C web site at <https://www.abc.army.mil/Information/ABCRetirement/Forms/Forms.asp>. The completed form or letter showing the estimated earnings will be returned to you. Upon receipt of your estimated earnings, complete the personal information on SF 2803, *Application to Make Deposit or Redeposit (CSRS)*. This form can be obtained from the ABC-C FAX-Back System, the ABC-C web site cited above, the OPM web site at <http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/sf.htm>, or the HRM web site at <http://ohrm.cc.nih.gov/forms/benefforms.html>. Forward the application with the RI 20-97, and DD Form 214 to ABC-C. The address is: **Department of the Army, Office of the Assistant Secretary**,

Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Southwest Civilian Personnel Center, ATTN: ABC-C, 301 Marshall Avenue, Fort Riley, KS 66442-5004. (!!PLEASE NOTE!! Prior to submission to the ABC-C, request that you furnish a copy of the complete package to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC), ATTN: Jackie Rubar, Fort Polk payroll liaison.) ABC-C will receive the package and, in coordination with the CPOC, complete the agency portion of the OPM Form 1515. Applications will be reviewed for accuracy and sent to DFAS. Upon response from your DFAS office, you must make arrangements with DFAS to pay the required deposit. Your payroll office may ask you to mail the request directly to DFAS Regional Payroll Center. Your payroll office will be able to provide you the address of your servicing DFAS center. You may pay the deposit in a lump sum or you may pay in installments through payroll deduction. Military deposits must be completed before you retire. Partial payment of a military deposit is not permitted.

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